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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: TECH, JA, US SUBJECT: ABCC

- 1. REITERATING NECESSITY OF EXCHANGING NOTES ON ABCC PRIOR TO END OF DECEMBER, MATSUURA, FONOFF, INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FONOFF PLANS SUBMIT ABCC ARRANGEMENTS TO CABINET FOR APPROVAL ON DECEMBER 14 OR 27. (CABINET MEETINGS ARE REGULARLY HELD ON THUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS). SINCE PAPERS MUST REACH CABINET SECRETARIAT THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE, CORRESPONDING TARGET DATES FOR REACHING FINAL US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON ALL DOCUMENTS ARE DECEMBER 21 OR DECEMBER 24.
- 2. MATSUURA ACKNOWLEDGES THAT GOJ HAS STILL NOT PROVIDED US WITH PROPOSED LANGUAGE TO EXPRESS NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR INITIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. IN ADDITION, GOJ HAS NOT INFORMED US DEFINITIVELY OF ACCEPTABILITY OF AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS BY NAS, ALTHOUGH THEY ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEM. ON US SIDE, WE OWE GOJ DEFINITIVE RESPONSE ON ACCEPTABILITY OF AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS AND ACCEPTABILITY OF NEW RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR JNIH EMPLOYEES (TOKYO 15672).
- 3. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES THAT PROPOSED NEW ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING INITIAL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS, WHICH WE HOPE HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY ANSWERED IN SPETEL OF THIS DATE, AND THAT GOJ STILL OWES US LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE THIS NEW APPROACH. IN MEANTIME, WE URGE THAT ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF ABCC ARRANGEMENTS BE FINALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED, SO THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREEN LIGHT CAN BE GIVEN FONOFF TO SUBMIT PAPERS TO CABINET,

PREFERABLY BY DECEMBER 21 AND NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 24. SUBMITTAL TO CABINET WITHOUT FINAL USG APPROVAL WOULD BE MOST UNDESIRABLE. WASHINGTON APPROVAL SHOULD ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AUTHORIZATION TO AMBASSADOR HODGSON TO ESCHANGE NOTES, AND FOR EMBASSY TO INITIAL OTHER FOUNDING DOCUMENTS.

- 4. MHW (IMAIZUMI) CONTINUING TO ENQUIRE WHETHER US HAS GIVEN DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT TO PROPOSED NEW JNIH RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS. SINCE THESE ARE ANALOGOUS TO THOSE FOR FAR MORE NUMEROUS ABCC EMPLOYEES, EMBASSY CAN SEE NO BASIS FOR WITHHOLDING US AGREEMENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY ADVICE OF APPROVAL TO PASS ON TO IMAIZUMI, WHO IS RELUCTANT TO MAKE DEFINITIVE OFFER TO JNIH EMPLOYEES WITHOUT THIS.
- 5. GOJ ALSO INTERESTED IN EARLIEST POSSIBLE INFORMAL ADVICE ON US NOMINEES FOR AMERICAN DIRECTORS OF NEW INSTITUTE. SLATE OF DIRECTORS MUST BE APPROVED BY FOUNDING COMMITTEE AT MEETING WHICH SHOULD BE HELD WITHIN LAST HALF OF JANUARY. THUS, AGREEMENT ON DIRECTORS MUST BE REACHED NO LATER THAN EARLY JANUARY. US ABILITY TO INFLUENCE JAPANESE SELECTION DEPENDS ON OUR ABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO INFORM THEM OF OUR NOMINEES AT EARLY DATE. THEY ARE PREPARED TO RECIPROCATE.
- 6. WE WILL APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND ADVICE OF APPROVALS IDENTIFIED HEREIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SHOESMITH

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